

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

The Diocese of Rochester,

Debtor.

Case No. 19-20905

Chapter 11

**JOINDER OF CERTAIN SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIMANTS IN OFFICIAL
COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS' OBJECTION TO
DEBTOR'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER APPROVING
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CERTAIN UNDERWRITERS
AT LLOYD'S, LONDON, CERTAIN LONDON MARKET
COMPANIES, INTERSTATE FIRE & CASUALTY
COMPANY AND NATIONAL SURETY CORPORATION**

Certain Sexual Abuse Claimants, by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby submit this joinder to the *Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors' Objection to Debtor's Motion for Entry of an Order Approving Settlement Agreement with Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's, London, Certain London Market Companies, Interstate Fire & Casualty Company and National Surety Corporation* [Docket No. 1162] (the "**Objection**")¹ and respectfully states as follows:

JOINDER

1. The undersigned counsel represents 46 individuals who filed Sexual Abuse Claims against the Diocese (collectively, the "**Claimants**"). The Claimants hereby join in and adopt the arguments set forth the Objection, which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

2. The Claimants believe that the settlement amount with LMI\Interstate is too low. Moreover, the Claimants cannot support a Settlement Agreement that provides for extensive

¹ Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings and definitions ascribed to them in the Objection.

releases of Non-Diocesan Entities without disclosing the amount of contributions by such parties to a global settlement. The Claimants ask the Court to prevent a manifest injustice and deny the 9019 Motion.

Dated: July 6, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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